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Dear Sir:

The undersigned attorney hereby asserts that Applicants is a Small Entity status entity as defined under § 1.27(a), for the above-identified patent application.

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